Setting up of a Higb Court Bencb at Madurai

97. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a plan to establish a High Court Bench at Madurai in Tamil Nadu ;

(b) whether Government of Tr.mil Nadu have sent a proposal to the Centre in this regard ; and

(c) if so, when the pi oposal was sent and bv when the Bench is likely to be established at Madurai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to. (c) A proposal for establishment of a Bencb of the Madras High Court at Madurai was mooted by the. Government of Tamil Nadu initially in 1973 and revived in 1977. This proposal was kept under consideration along with certain other proposals for consitution of benches of High Courts. The matter was referred to the Jaswant Singh Commission in Decembei, 1983. The Report of the Gommis sion is engaging the attention of the Government.

Meeting on tbe performance of the Public Sector Undertakings

98. SHRI SURESH PACH-OURI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the performance of the public sector undertakings under tbe Department of Public Ente rp r i ses of the Ministrv of Indu s-trv was reviewed in a series of meeting held on 16th and 17th October, 1985 3

(b) if so, what were the subjects discussed and what decisions wcie arrived at during these two day m eetings ;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to these public sector undertakings to improve their performances ; and

(d) what are the steps likelv to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUS TRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Amongst the subjects discussed were production, financial results, technology, upgradition, productivity, Research of Development, closer monitoring of performance at Corporate and Ministry level. The Public Sector Undertakings, have been advised to update their Corporate Plans, to strengthen their R& D activity, to constantly upgrade their technologies and to improve productivity. The monitoring at Corporate and Ministry is to be strengthened. It has been decided that the progress on these subjects will be reviewed periodically.

Profit and loss earned by Public Sector Undertakings

99. SHRI T.P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of public sectoi undertakings a^e running in losses *;*

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps taken to make good their loss and to b[r]ing about improvement in their functioning ;